GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:404
ANSWERED ON:16.04.2001
MOBILE TELEPHONE EQUIPMENT CONTRACT
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited(BSNL) has recently awarded a contract to a foreign company the `Lucent Technology INC`;

(b) whether it is also a fact that this company was awarded a contract of Rs,. 2000 crores by the MTNL which is being investigated by the CBI at present; and

(c) if so, the reasons for awarding the new contract to this company by the BSNL?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN)

(a) to (c): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT TO BE LAID ON THE TABLE OF THE LOK SABHA IN RESPECT OF PARTS (a) TO (c) OF STARRED QUE NO. 404 FOR 16TH APRIL, 2001 REGARDING MOBILE TELEPHONE EQUIPMENT CONTRACT.

BSNL has not awarded any contract to the company for procuring Mobile Telephone equipment.

The purchase orders for cellular mobile systems placed on M/s. ITI by MTNL was worth Rs. 82 crores for Delhi and Mumbai units. M/s ITI was the bidder on behalf of a consortium comprising of M/s. ITI and M/s. Lucent Technologies World Services Inc.. The matter has not been referred to CBI.